Police reforms

5169. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Police Commission set up in 1977 submitted as many as eight reports recommending that the Police Act of 1861 be replaced by a fresh one to insulate the police from political pressure; and

(b) what is the status of reports submitted by Committees headed by Julio Rebeiro and Padmanabhaiah on police reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The reports of National Police Commission were considered by the State Government and Union Territory Administrations and action has been taken to implement many of the recommendations considered appropriate by them.

(b) On the directions of the Supreme Court of India, the Central Government had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J. F. Ribeiro to review the action on the recommendations of National Police Commission, Law Commission, Vohra Commission etc. the reports of this committee have been filed in the Supreme Court as per its directions.

A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Padmanabhaiah was constituted to suggest ways and means to meet the challenges the Police would face in the new millennium. The committee submitted its report to the Government on 30.08.2000. The Committee made 240 recommendations of which 154 recommendations concerning recruitment, training, involvement of public in crime prevention, commitment in police, revival of beat system, use of traditional village functionaries to lessen the burden on police, police patrolling on national and state highways, designs and equipping of police stations, postings and transfer of SP and above etc. were such that can be implemented straightway by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations who have accordingly been advised to implement these recommendations in a time bound manner.

The remaining recommendations need further examination and modalities of their implementation need to be worked out, which is currently under progress.

Putting names of corporate houses loan defaulters on the net

5170. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission has decided to put on the net the names of corporate houses which have defaulted in repayment of loans and N.G.O.s that siphoned money from the Government are being investigated; and

(b) if so, other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

JEM plan to attack Parliament

5171. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report "JEM planning another attack on Parliament" which appeared in the Newstime, dated the 17th April, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to foil another suicide attack on Indian Parliament by militant organsiations with foreign material and financial support?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Intelligence inputs where received regarding the plans of some terrorists to carry out another attack on Indian Parliament.

In the backdrop of terrorists attack on Parliament House on 13th December, 2001, Government has reviewed the security arrangements at Parliament House and its security arrangements have been strengthened.